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As such, EPA is discontinuing a daily on-site presence at the Freedom Industries facility. West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) water and waste enforcement staff now are at the Freedom facility overseeing operations from 8am to 8pm daily. If conditions change, or if WVDEP needs federal on-site assistance, two Region III On Scene Coordinators (OSCs) who live in West Virginia would be able respond in a matter of hours. EPA OSCs are also available by phone and email to provide any guidance that WVDEP may request. EPA's contractors can be redeployed as necessary. EPA will return to the site during future tank dismantling to observe site conditions. WVDEP has scheduled a weekly operations meeting at the site. EPA OSCs will either participate by phone or in person as needed in these meetings.

As always, if you have any questions or need any assistance, please call or email me.

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